

Friday Flyer

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents,

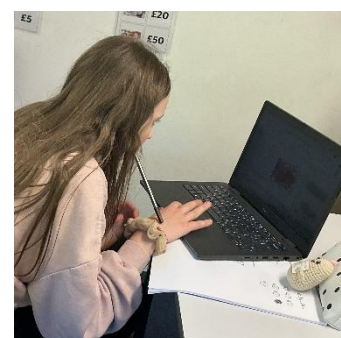
It has been a truly brilliant week in school, full of energy, connection and joy. My personal highlight has been taking time to step out onto the playground at lunchtimes and breaktimes, where it has been wonderful to see children so happily engaged; playing games with staff and friends, sitting and chatting together, groups enjoying walks around the field and others fully immersed in the adventure and creativity of Forest School. Alongside this, our young people were incredibly fortunate to take part in an inspiring careers talk about the armed forces, delivered by Miss Gibson's brother. We are so grateful for the time he gave to share his experiences; the children were fascinated to learn about his role and what life in the army is really like and it certainly sparked lots of curiosity and thoughtful questions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 13th May	Parent Coffee Morning at 9:15am
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May	Half Term – school closed
Monday 1st June	School reopens after Half Term
Thursday 25th June	Online RSE parent workshop – more details to follow
Friday 26th June	Sports Afternoon. Parents welcome for Picnic from 12pm. More details to follow.
Wednesday 1st July	Parent Coffee Morning – 9:15am
Friday 17th July	Last day of term
Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July	INSET Days – school closed

Dahl Class

This week has been full of exciting learning across the curriculum, with students showing great enthusiasm and creativity in all areas. In English, our focus has been on developing a strong understanding of grammar. Pupils have been working hard to improve sentence structure, punctuation, and the use of different word types to make their writing more engaging and accurate.

In maths, we have been concentrating on multiplication, division, and factors. Students have been building confidence in their times tables, exploring how numbers relate to one another, and applying these skills to solve a range of problems. Our PE lessons have been particularly active this week. Pupils completed a Mini Marathon linked to the Daily Mile, demonstrating determination and resilience. We have also begun learning how to throw in athletics, focusing on shot put and javelin techniques. In art, students have produced some truly stunning sketches. Some students have taken inspiration from Pokémon, resulting in imaginative and detailed pieces that showcase both creativity and growing technical skill. In Design and Technology (DT), we have started an exciting new project focused on packaging. Pupils are beginning to explore design ideas, materials, and how packaging can be both functional and appealing. Our PSHE lessons have explored British laws and how society works. Students have been discussing rules, responsibilities, and the importance of fairness in our communities. In computing, pupils are designing their own PowerPoint presentations. They are learning how to organise information clearly, use visuals effectively, and present their ideas with confidence. It has been a fantastic week of learning—well done to all of Dahl Class for their hard work and positive attitudes! Miss Anderson



Cayuga Class

We wanted to start this week's Friday Flyer by saying how proud we are of the young people who participated in our mini marathon around the school grounds. Five laps equalled an impressive two miles, and we even had one determined young person complete it twice. The encouragement and cheering between peers were fantastic to see, and the level of sportsmanship shown made it a really special experience for everyone involved. As a class, we also enjoyed playing some word guessing games together. It was lovely to see the young people engaging, laughing, and working collaboratively as a whole group. With the beautiful weather this week, we made the most of the sunshine by spending some time learning and relaxing outdoors, which everyone really appreciated. In Life Skills, we focused on identifying tricky situations within friendships. The young people were able to recognise different scenarios and have begun to think about alternative ways to respond, showing thoughtful and mature reflection. In maths, we have been looking at scales. The young people have been getting increasingly confident at identifying the jumps within a scale by using their multiplication knowledge. We are now beginning to bridge this understanding to reading a physical scale, such as a weighing scale, which has been a great next step in applying their skills. Enjoy the long weekend! Mr Noone.



Kelly Class

Kelly Class has had a fantastic week! We have thoroughly enjoyed the glorious sunshine, which has allowed us to make the most of the wonderful outdoor space we are so lucky to have.

Our class loves being outside, and our Daily Mile is a great way to start each day. It gives us time to talk, reflect, and enjoy some exercise together. We discussed how physical activity is not only beneficial for our bodies but can also have a positive impact on the environment. While working hard to prepare our allotment for planting vegetables, we also took part in a life skills lesson exploring how our everyday choices affect the environment. We talked about different modes of transport and considered which are healthier for us and help to reduce pollution. We also recognised that our allotment supports sustainable living, as growing our own produce is an environmentally friendly choice. One thoughtful suggestion from a pupil was that, instead of throwing away food that might expire, it could be used to make a meal for an elderly neighbour— a wonderful example of the kindness and thoughtfulness shown by the young people in our school.

In maths, we have continued our learning on ratio and how it compares to fractions. In History, we explored the key characteristics of Chinese emperors and empresses. In Geography, we have been developing our map skills, using world maps to locate different regions, with a particular focus on the Middle East. We are very proud of our artwork and are enjoying experimenting with a range of materials and techniques each week, using our artist research to inspire our work. We were also very fortunate to welcome Sam from the military on Thursday. He brought along equipment for us to try and shared valuable information about how people can enrol, the wide range of roles available, and what training involves. The idea of having your hair shaved off during training didn't quite appeal to some of our students! Fortunately, we learned that girls can choose to keep their hair long. It was a highly valuable experience and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We hope you have a super sunny weekend! Mrs Revell



Parks Class

This week in Parks Class we were getting to know a new classmate, who will be joining us full time soon. In our art lesson, we explored the work of different artists, including Banksy and Leonardo da Vinci and began creating a collage using tissue paper to recreate the sea. We are continuing to learn ratios in Maths and noting more effective language in our non-fiction texts. In RE, we learned about why Mahatma Gandhi is considered an inspirational leader and how his faith influenced a social movement that made a lasting impact on the world. In our physics lesson, we carried out an experiment measuring the length of shadows. For example, we discovered that when a hand was placed 20 cm away from a light source, the tallest finger produced a shadow measuring 30 cm. It was a fun and engaging activity that you can try yourself at home—all you need is a torch and a ruler! Mrs Mankoo



Butterfly Class

We have been enjoying the sunshine this week. It has given us a real taste of summer. I love the Selwyn summers on our enormous field that over the years I have seen go from sparse at playtimes, (except for 5 pupils and a couple of teachers and a TA) to this week looking very different as the KS2 pupils were out at playtime while all the older pupils and many, many TAs and teachers were going into their assembly.

There were people everywhere! In class, this term we have been looking at non-fiction writing. Butterfly class did not really understand this genre at the beginning of term, so we have been watching and discussing a BBC programme daily that has been focussing on various features of nonfiction. This week we began writing our own. A tri fold leaflet all about caring for something. I couldn't be prouder with what the boys produced; how to care for penguins, how to look after old people, how to grow an apple tree, how to help a dying flower, how to care for cats. One boy even decided, in his choosing time to produce an extra leaflet about looking after dogs. The boys put into practice the features that the BBC programmes had introduced them to, such as the use imperative verbs, numbering the facts or using bullet points. Through doing this task, the boys showed how they have such caring souls as well as how much they have been paying attention to the teaching in the past couple of weeks. Next week we will be producing flyers about the school! Have a lovely long weekend. Mrs Angell



Hamilton Class

This week in Hamilton has been a positive and productive one, marked by the arrival of a new student who has joined us for three mornings so far. They have been settling in well, getting to know both staff and peers, and beginning to take part in the rhythm of the class. In Biology, the group has continued to build on their ongoing topic of endangered species. In English, their work on *Macbeth* has progressed, with thoughtful discussion and analysis helping students to explore key themes, characters, and language in greater detail. Maths lessons have remained personalised, with each student working within their own pathway to support their individual progress and confidence. A particularly memorable moment this week came from one student's inventive repair of a broken tree branch. Using string and silver duct tape, they carefully reconstructed it into something that now resembles a prop from a science fiction film. History lessons have focused on the role of the RAF during World War II, where students have been learning about its significance and impact. In Cooking, the class enjoyed preparing meatballs and garlic bread, developing both practical skills and teamwork in the kitchen. Careers sessions have involved researching the qualifications and starting requirements needed for a variety of different professions, helping students to think ahead about future pathways. While strong winds meant that tree climbing activities had to be limited for safety reasons, the class has still made the most of the warm and sunny weather. Overall, it has been an engaging and enjoyable week with plenty of learning, creativity, and collaboration. Dr Barnes

Mandela Class

Mandela have had another superb week. Highlights include: Monopoly, Daily Miles, shoelace tying, Fergie returning, amazing weather and an English lesson where one of our TAs talked about her previous Journalism career and showed students a video she had directed. Students were really interested in what she had to do to produce a short video documentary, and they wrote some really good summaries – a skill we've been practicing this week - of the piece. Mandela had their first 'recognition treat' of the term with a fire pit in the forest school. This had some students conquering their fears, some learning about nature, some giving instructions to other students and our special guests. It was a real delight. Have a great Bank Holiday weekend! Mrs Goldup



Otzi Class

Quite an intense week in Otzi, but the Otzi Tree has deep roots and we are ending strongly with cheese toasties and marshmallows on a fire followed by a movie. Really interesting for our pupils not just to cook on the fire, but to experience the way the food takes on the qualities of the fire. We chatted a little about how all food must have been 'smoky' for almost all of human history. Other highlights of the week include: the very interesting presents that pupils chose to buy from an Aldi catalogue for family members as part of a maths activities, and some superb soundtracks that the pupils created to accompany a scary movie in music. In English, we had a great discussion – and some persuasive writing - about the pros and cons of CCTV in Education. Have a lovely long-weekend! Mr Nightingale



Darwin Class

This week Darwin class have been very involved in their learning. Working hard, they focused on their DT project of designing and creating. Throughout the week, the young people have also been very engaged in their Science lessons-learning about food webs and the food chain. The class has been preparing for Selwyn sports day- doing athletics and warmups; the warm weather has been an obstacle, but we powered through. On Friday, Darwin class went down to the village park as their reward for a hard week's work. The young people are very happy to have their class teacher back with them to create some more fun memories. That's all from Darwin this week, see you next week. Miss Joy



Frenchie Class

Well, what a wonderful sunny day to end the week on. Frenchie have been doing lots of learning interspersed with play, activities and time connecting with peers. From the learning side we have been looking at linking words and cohesion in English. Maths has been stormed through by everyone this week, with all of Frenchie class showing their capabilities in solving maths problems involving measurements and money. Science has seen us look at the life cycle of animals understanding the cycle of chickens, frogs, and butterflies. PE saw Frenchie class practicing marathon running as part of the TLC mini marathon entitative championed by Joe Wicks. The whole class warmed up together and wore running numbers as part of the lesson. On Thursday in DT, we had lots of fun making ramps out of cardboard and having races with toy cars to see how far they could go. This Friday we made vanilla and cinnamon cupcakes for fun; we hope you enjoy these when they come home, 'eye' know you all will. Mr Prince and the team wish you all a lovely long Bank Holiday weekend. See you next week.



Final Thought

As we find ourselves firmly underway in this final term of the year, it is hard to believe that there are only three short weeks until half term. This term is always a special and significant time at Selwyn, filled with moments that bring our whole community together, none more so than Sports Day; now such a valued and defining part of the Selwyn year. We hope as many families as possible will be able to join us, to cheer, celebrate and share in the pride of what our children achieve. These weeks ahead are about more than events; they are about memories in the making, confidence growing, and the strength of our community shining through.

Wishing you a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours faithfully

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